

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re application of: | : | |
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| Jeffrey E. FETTERMAN, et al. | : | Confirmation No.: 6372 |
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| Application No.: 10/722,262 | : | Group Art Unit: 3686 |
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| Filed: November 25, 2003 | : | Examiner: Rajiv J. Raj |
| Title: A METHOD OF ASSESSING AND MANAGING RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH A PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT | | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, together with the Request for Continued Examination and the Petition for an Extension of Time, constitutes a complete reply to the Final Office Action mailed December 7, 2009 in the above-identified application. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 12.